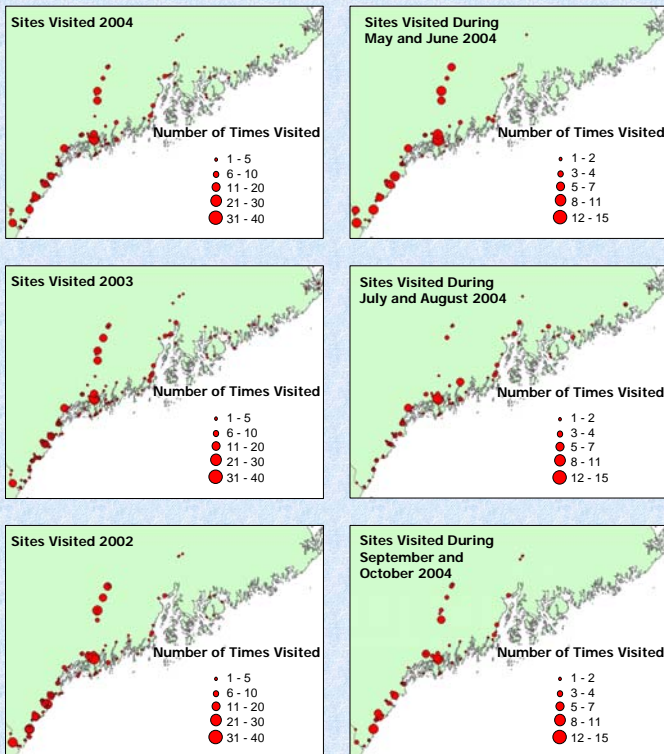


# MARINE RECREATIONAL FISHERIES STATISTICS SURVEY

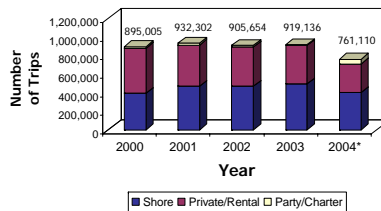
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## Sample Distribution

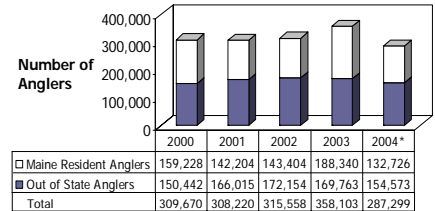


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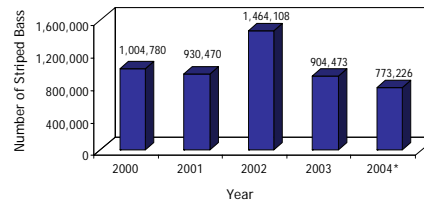
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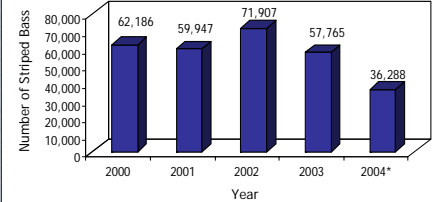
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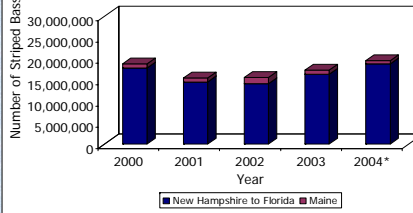
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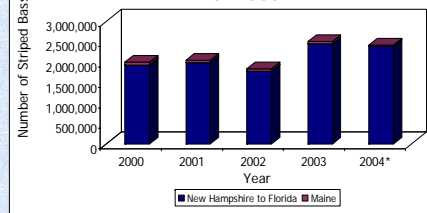
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## Atlantic Coast Striped Bass Total Catch



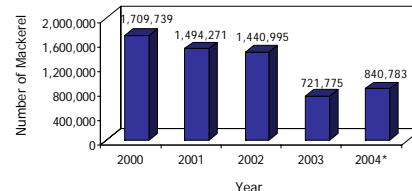
## Atlantic Coast Striped Bass Harvest



**Total Catch:** All fish caught, whether harvested or released alive.



## Maine's Mackerel Total Catch



## Maine's Bluefish Total Catch

